



DIVISION OF MINES
BOARD OF COAL MINING EXAMINERS
CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

CHIEF ELECTRICIAN (SURFACE AND UNDERGROUND)

Article 3 of the Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia establishes requirements for certification of coal mine workers. The certification requirements are included in §45.1-161.24 through §45.1-161.41 in which the Board of Coal Mining Examiners is established for the purpose of administering the certification program. The Board has promulgated certification regulations 4 VAC 25-20 (VR 480-04-2), which set the minimum standards and procedures required for Virginia coal miner examinations and certifications.

CERTIFICATION CLASSIFICATION: *Chief Electrician (Surface and Underground)

This certification authorizes the holder to:

- Perform electrical work and inspections at all surface areas of underground, surface and underground coal mines
- Make examinations on electrical equipment
- Conduct and record results of electrical examinations

APPLICATION/EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS:

- Application (BCME-1) and \$10.00 fee 5 working days prior to examination
- Hold a valid Electrical Repairman and Electrical Maintenance Foreman certification
- Five years of electrical experience as applied to underground mining or appropriately related work experience approved by the Chief of the Division of Mines
- Current first aid training (MSHA first aid 5000-23 acceptable)

EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS: A score of 80% on each element of the examination.

<u>ELEMENTS OF EXAM</u>	<u>NUMBER OF QUESTIONS</u>
Chief Electrician Exam (CH)	50
▪ Alternating Current	
▪ Direct Current	
▪ Circuits & Equipment	
▪ Cable Splicing	
▪ High Voltage	
▪ Legal Requirements	
▪ Permissibility	
▪ First Aid (FA)	20
▪ National Electrical Code (not implemented)	20
▪ Practical Stations (not implemented)	
▪ Records – practical (not implemented)	

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RECOMMENDED REFERENCE/STUDY MATERIALS:

- Title 30 CFR Part 75, 77
- Coal Mine Safety Laws of Virginia
- BCME Requirements
- Electrical Study Guide
- First Aid For Miners Study Guide

The above mentioned study materials are available at the Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy's Big Stone Gap Office, Customer Assistance Center (276) 523-8233 and Keen Mountain Field Office (276) 498-4533.

***8 hours annual Electrical Repairman continuing education will update this certification.**

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